



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:30 PM, on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in the Leon Valley City Hall, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

### I. Poll for Attendance, Determination of a Quorum, and Call Meeting to Order.

- Staff Liaisons Present: Kristie Flores and Christy Carter (new staff member)
- TAB Forester Present: Paul Johnson, Region Urban Texas Forester and Arborist
- Members Present: Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Michael Clemenson, Melinda Dawson, Mary Key, Diana Sarfin, Rich Sarfin, and Byron Woodworth

### II. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2011 Meeting

- Minutes were approved.
- Paul Johnson is the winner of the "Texas Forest Service 2011 Technical Forestry Award".

### III. Recap of 2011 Arbor Day

- 150 trees available for give-away.
  - 100 trees donated by CPS Energy and 50 tree purchased by TAB.
  - 121 trees given away to residents & 29 went to the city park.
- Budget Costs/Total.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
T-Shirts	\$244.00
Buttons	\$95.50
Table/Chair rental	\$194.00
Trees (50)	\$212.50
Kids Crafts/Prizes	<u>\$127.55</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$872.55</b>

- TAB was required to rent tables/chairs due to double booking of the community/conference centers.
- Many of the trees needed watering.
- Requests by attendees include tree demonstration and smaller trees.
- Possumhaw tree was very popular.

### IV. Preparations for Tree Adoption in Collaboration with Earthwise Living Day

- Application to participate has already been submitted to the Earthwise Living Committee.
- Alamo Forest Partnership will help TAB during the tree adoption.
  - TAB can purchase trees wholesale through the Alamo Forest Partnership.
- TAB will be requesting sponsorship from CPS Energy in the form of trees.
  - Will request smaller trees if available.
  - Final total number of trees available for tree adoption will be discussed at the next meeting.

### V. Discussion of TAB Programming for 2012

- Tree adoption opportunities in 2012 are as follows:
  - Earthwise Living Day (February).
  - March to April Timeframe.
  - Taste of Leon Valley (May). Note that it may be too hot to consider a tree adoption at this time.
  - Leon Valley Arbor Day (November).
- Discussions on goal of 10,000 trees provided/planted in Leon Valley by 2020 are as follows:
  - After 3 Arbor Days and other Tree Adoptions, TAB has only been able to provide approximately 1,000 trees for planting. At this rate, the goal of 10,000 trees by 2020 will not be met. Ideas to help are as follows:
    - Adopt the model of the "NeighborWoods Tree Planting" program which is to focus tree planting in areas that need it the most to include residential and commercial.
    - Request tree inventories in conjunction with Storm Drainage Projects in the city.
    - Look into Grants that can help citizens remove dying/dangerous trees.
    - Have a demonstration house where tree plantings can serve as a model for citizens.
      - The demonstration house could be selected through a contest.
      - Commercial properties could be included.

**VI. Other Business**

| -Jammin' Jams Fruit Tree Adoption – January 28, 2012 – 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Pearl Brewery Farmers Market.

**VII. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**

| -Not required.

**VIII. Adjourn**

- TAB voted and approved to change the "regular meeting start time" from 6:30PM to 6:00PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is set for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM, in the Leon Valley City Hall.



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Chairperson